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Please replace the section " BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES," which begins on page 17, with the section as presented below:

3. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE FIGURES

FIGURES 1A-1C: Formulae 8-10; amphiphilic oligomers of the present invention where in the lipophile is a sugar. In 1b and 1c, PEG is used as a spacer group. In 1A-1C a proline residue is added at the N-terminus of the enkephalin peptide. Hydrolysis cleaves the lipophilic moieties and generates a hydrophilic sugar-drug conjugate. Brain peptidases cleave the sugar moiety to generate a free peptide.

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FIGURE 2: Compares the stability of the cetyl-PEG₂-enkephalin-lys (SEQ ID NO:1) conjugate (non- hydrolyzable) to unconjugated enkephalin (SEQ ID NO:48) in rat brain homogenate. (2% Rat Brain in PBS buffer, pH 7.4, 37 °C; Peptide = 60 µg/mL).

FIGURE 3: Compares the stability of the cetyl-PEG₃-enkephalin (SEQ ID NO:1) conjugate (non- hydrolyzable) to unconjugated enkephalin (SEQ ID NO:47) in rat brain homogenate. (2% w/v Rat brain in PBS buffer, pH 7.4, 37 °C; Peptide = 60 µg/mL).

FIGURE 4: Compares palmitate-PEG₃-Enk (SEQ ID NO:1) conjugate (hydrolyzable) to unconjugated enkephalin (SEQ ID NO:47) in rat brain homogenate. (2% w/v Rat Brain in PBS buffer, pH 7.4, 37 °C; Peptide = 60 µg/mL).

FIGURE 5a-5d: HPLC data showing extraction of conjugate from homogenized rat brain. HPLC conditions: Column: C-18; Solvent: solvent A = IPA; solvent B = Water +0.1% TFA; Gradient: linear.

FIGURE 6: Graph demonstrating competitive binding between cetyl-PEG₂-enkephalin (SEQ ID NO:1) conjugate and naloxone, an Opioid µ receptor agonist.

FIGURE 7: Graphic comparison of analgesic effect of cetyl-PEG₂-enkephalin (SEQ ID NO:1) with clonidine (a morphine substitute).

FIGURE 8: Table showing results of receptor binding assays for various conjugates according to the present invention. Data are based on percent inhibition at a concentration of 100nM. The radioligand was DAMGO ([D-Ala²,N-Me-Phe-Gly⁵-ol]enkephalin) and naloxone served as the reference.

FIGURE 9: Exemplary synthetic scheme for an oligomer according to the present invention.

FIGURE 10: Exemplary synthetic scheme showing attachment of an oligomer to an enkephalin peptide according to the present invention.
